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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES JULY 19, 2010
STAFF WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXISTING SPECIAL ACCESS RULES**

WC Docket No. 05-25

On July 19, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (eastern daylight time), the Wireline Competition Bureau will host a workshop in the 4th Floor-South Conference room to evaluate the analytical framework the Commission should use in reviewing the current special access rules.¹

The National Broadband Plan recommended that the Commission hold a “staff workshop to discuss the analytical framework the FCC should use to assess the effectiveness of its existing special access rules.”² Pursuant to that recommendation, the July 19, 2010 workshop will initiate an evaluation of the analytical framework proposals raised in the record and any associated data collection that would be required to implement such proposals.³

The format of the workshop will be a facilitated debate led by Commission staff, and will include presentations by economists that filed comments in response to the Notice. During the workshop, staff will solicit input from attendees on issues relating to special access, such as:

- The analytical framework that should be used in analyzing the effectiveness of the existing special access regulations;
- Specific proposals filed in the record and critiques of those proposals; and
- The types of data that should be collected by the Commission to determine whether the current rules are working as intended.

The Bureau encourages participation from a wide variety of interested parties, including representatives from, but not limited to, industry, academia, consumer advocate organizations, and state governmental entities.

¹ See Connecting America: The National Broadband Plan at 48 (rel. Mar. 16, 2010) (National Broadband Plan).

² *Id.*

³ *Parties Asked to Comment on Analytical Framework Necessary to Resolve Issues in the Special Access NPRM*, WC Docket No. 05-25, Public Notice, 24 FCC Rcd 13638, 13639 (2009) (Notice).

For planning purposes, the Commission would like to know whether you intend to participate in the workshop. Seating is limited, although other ways to participate will be available. Further logistical details on how to participate remotely will be provided as the date approaches. If you are interested in participating please contact Pamela Arluk or Margaret Dailey, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1520 (voice), or by e-mail Pamela.Arluk@fcc.gov or Margaret.Dailey@fcc.gov.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if more information is needed. Last-minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), or (202) 418-0432 (tty).

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